PARKS AND ZOOS OF THE S.F. BAY AREA By P.F.Covel 16mm film 1400'

Lake Merritt and Lakeside Park . . seen from atop the Kaiser Center
"HUB of Park Progress . .
And the Kaiser Roof Gardens

A Day in the Park Map
Kaiser Center -thru Flowering Cherries along Lakeside Dr.

Snow Museum --putters on green --gull feeding from bench

Sail Regatta . . . rowers in shells . . the ~~Mxxxxxx~~ Womens Rowing Club
Old whale-boat #5 2/66

The Duck Pond --people vs. birds contact zone -in America's oldest refuge.
Aerial views from top of Bellevue Staten (courtesy Harvey Lyons) Jan 66
And Crut. Sect. Park-Gardens - from Permabilt Apts - Ap 67 -
Naturalist's Feeding Tour (Kett -J. McCarty) - at waters edge and 'round Geodesic Dome. School class lunches with birds . . while an older citizen gathers birds on a bench (Joe Bursick -64) Kellet Nursery Ap 72
And the tour finally reaches the Natl Sc. Center -
Easter Egg Hunt -Berk.Hiking Club children --later-Club lunching nearby.

The Miller Magnolias --near Bandstand, in early Feb.
Lakeside Garden Center (ded.) thru Flowering Peaches -March.
Typical show -the Iris Show -in spring.

Children round new metal fountain in Horticultural Center . .
Vet. Nat(ist Helper Gardner Marshall Ino Girls in Japanese Garden

Dahlias in July . . . . Chrysanthememms in Oct.

Bowlers on the greens . . a tournament. League est. in

Childrens Fairyland . . the Dream of Every Child Comes True. Ded. 9/50 2nd Summer 73 flwrs 5/72
Mother Goose - Cherl. Rowe - Popo de Bath - greet visitors at new Dandelion Emblem
Short tour (complete C.F. treatment in "Pets and Pals in Playlands" reel.
Goosey Gander Castle . . . Clock Tower . . Post Office . .
Seal Pool (Carpenter & Walrus) . . Noah's Ark . .Rob. Crusoe set
Concert in the Park - Edgett Mem. Bandstand - Herman Trutner 35 yrs -
A short visit to the Calif. Spring Garden Show -parts of 3 yrs .. up to & incl. May, 1965. The Buddha in Kew to Kyoto -1964, etc. H. Gilkey previews a show . . And 1st Show at new Coliseum Arena - May 67 and 2nd year at Lakeside Park - late April - 71 -
And at Hellman-Quinning - May 73 -
Jack London Square . . Oakland's waterfront doorway . . 1st landscaped by Park Dept. in 19~~61~~ mid. Glimpse of Art Show - Aug 66 from so. end.

Lafayette Square . . "a place for older citizens . . and idle folks."

Mosswood Park in Spring . . site of old Moss Estate, 1865 --- completely relandscaped, 1948-50. Flwring fruits and magnolias featured / .
Boy Scout campout . .

Morcom Amphitheatre of Roses . . dev. by WPA in 193--
Rose Sunday --Mothers' Day --1964 Geo Shiraki and staff.
And Womens Rowing Club offers more sedate sport - 2/66
Sails on Lake -windy Sunday. L.M. Lions Fishing Pier but compact-sheik shimmy /
Smelt Derby, Aug '65. - The new Stern-wheeler - Ap 72 the waters

Paul Cowles - champion kite flyer - teacher of others - Ap 72

LET'S EXPLORE OAKLAND'S HILL PARKS

A big bar-be-que at Dimond --the O.M.C.S.E.A.

Knowland State Park and Arboretum . . acq. by city in 1957
The "Old Look". . Effie at yrs . . Rosebud the Chimp-Sid Snow Sign -A New, Unique Zoo on door of Old Barn gives preview of great things to come . .

Effie moves into her new home on hill . . 1962. Black Bears from Humboldt Co. in new cage block -9/63 Effie and Kimi 9/64
Building the New Zoo -- rise of the Gibbon Cage . . Main Ent. bl dg.

The Zoo ~~Flyer~~ View RR on ridge . . and at depot in Concession Area.
Sid Snow Clubhouse on the hill . .

Progress in 64-65. Effie's Sunday Show with Val DeLeon
Arrival of the Sun Bears Dec. 65 Doc Young performs on L,Merritt bird

BIG EVENT **THE BABY ZOO -- Ded. Day, Dec. 19, 65. Built by the Ruhe Bros.
And more of Baby Zoo --Sat. 2/26/66 And flamingo-crowes with Acacias 2/66
With Mark Julie AUG 67 - Heinz Ruhe feeds yr-old Ind Elephs RON Reuther-flippo Ap 69
The African Veldt - Ap-May - 68 - Baby Dromedary - May 69
Deer - sunset - Hellman Estate Ap 68 and Bird's-eye View from Jungle-life AUG 70

The Hellman Estate . . purch. by Council at Bill Mott's insistance . .
"A Shangri-La in the Eastbay" . . ancient jaloppies bring Oak. Rotarians for show-off picnic in May, 68. The Dunsmuir House.
A look at Hellman in fall --the big Ginkgo tree . . Open House-Easter 71 brings throngs.

JOAQ. MILLER PARK. Joaquin's Abbey . . insp. by David Stallcup .
Woodminster Cascade in spring. Built by PWA in mid-30's Ded1 1940

The Park Ranger Force . . Hd. Ranger Ginter . . Bill Paskie --
Dress Review . . . . . new Jeep Wagons and police dogs

Naturalist's Sat. morning walk . . with Asst. Nat. John McCarty Jr.
Ranger Station to the Moses Pyramid. Vol. Gard. Marshall helping.
And down the Cinderella Trail . .

Redwood Day Camp of Oakland Recreation Dept. The "Nature Man" arrives.
Asst. Nat'ist Kett and Jr. Vol. Paul Williams give a show . . 8/64
Kids cool off in the Rotary Day Camp Pool . . and back to the bus.
Girl Scouts . . Campfire Girls -Bluebird camp shows some in 7/65

The Sequoia Arena . . built in 19 --for Metropolitan Horsemen, etc.
Let's See a Horse Show -- Hikers gather to watch, too.
Ala. Co. Mounted Sheriff's Posee . . . Ahmes Shrine Patrol . .

But some come to the Oakland Parks to work . . sometimes just for civic duty . . such as Boy Scouts--Girl Scouts, Campfires for a Trail Day B. Scts - TR Clean-up Upper Sequoia - Summer 67 Dr B Scts Lakeshore-68
Workreation Boys -prog. began in 195 -- --work thr-out park system in summer months. Serve in gardens, clean the Duck Pond, etc, etc.
Neighborhood Youth Corps boys --prog. began summer 65 . .

Other boys, Jr. Nat'ist Aides, work over collections in Center Library--
J.Mann-Jimmy Covel on study skins; Jim Carleton on lake animals, Oct 65

Cleanup (Feb-May) of Blue Gum Eucalypts after Great Freeze of Dec 72 - and more. Evolution into Summer
Citizens flock to cut up felled trees; Ranger Jones fells a tree - Shyling Away
TREE BIN CUTS. PULLS OVER. PR Blvd Canyon Rd.

Eastbay Regional Parks offer wide variety of outdoor opportunities

Robert's Area in Redwood Reg. Park offers picnicking . . and a pool
The Orchard Picnic Area off Redwood Canyon on a typical summer w3ekend day.
Hikers move aside for riders on a Grass Valley Trail . .
The Shooting Range in Grass Valley Reg. Park --ded. in 196 -- -- is open to the public. If you don't shoot you can still watch such fascinating operations as this boy and his muzzle-loader (Ed Null's son)

Another "Shangri-La" sort of refuge for wildlife and people . . . Sunol Valley Reg. Park way out on Alameda Creek. Here's a place where you can climb rolling hills . . or watch children play in a clean creek. A family farm experience may be offered here . . OR let the family have an ecology lesson and entertainment with the famous puppets-staged by the naturalists
Now west along the Oakland Hills . . a glimpse at the University Campus . . then up Strawberry Canyon to the Univ. Botanic Garden. Local bird study groups also enjoy this part ofthe canyon . . Lets watch the great robin and sterling roosting invasion of Poles Colorados Cyn - J. Mullen Park Jan - 73
Tilden Reg. Park offers other adventures for young folks of all ages . . This Little Farm in the Nature Area is destined to be moved to / . .

Let's walk down to Jewel Lake, where we meet the Park Naturalists out with some public school children . .
and later we find these boys and girrls saying goodby to the naturalists.

The Brazilian Bldg--souvenir of the 1939 S.F. Worlds Fair--is a focal point for many activities, such as frolicking after an Easter Egg Hunt.

Just down the hill from this viewpoint is the famous Reg. Park Botanic Garden -once called the "Tilden Arboretum." Here is a tremendous collection of Calif. natives -brot from desert, coast and High Sierra by Garden Dir. James Roof . (Pict. of Jim 4/65)) Fall color is worth seeing, too.

And far up on the slope below Grizzley Peak is another train experience . . the Tilden Little R?R. . . which affords riders fine views over the hills and the North Bay as it chugs along its hilltop tracks . .
Temescal - Oak's 1st water system - now popular Reg Pk fish & swim lake - Lake Cyabot Heron Colony - shrinking - due to reduced feed area - S. L. Bay - 11 nests 5-10-71
Now --over the Bay Bridge to our "Sister City of Saint Francis--with many stops to view the Golden Gate from Land's End -- Lets visit an isle in Bay - 72
New Palace Fine Arts dedication Oct 67 ? Maritime Exposition Re-Dissolve-state Marin Parks July 73 Angel Isle St Pk - by Ranch from Berk Pier
The Seal Rocks are another must stop -- and we look far south along the Great Beach . . . or go down to look closer at the dog-walkers, the wave-dodgers . . and the surfers . .

The San Francisco Zoological Gardens -here first glimpsed over the playgrounds and merry-go-round --first appeared back in ------ as the "Fleischacker Zoo." Most visitors seem to stop right inside the gate to buy food for themselves . . and some for the animals. And here comes the "Elephant Train" . . ready to haul you all around the zoo while you sit back and rest those aching feet! Or you may follow us --afoot -with all these cameras, tripods and stuff . .

These young giraffes, born in --- , stop us for a few minutes. But we want to start with the Primates . . and why not pick the gorillas first. Here's the famous pair . . . . . bot for the zoo by Mr SooHoo in . . . at the age of

Orangs and chimps in the old primate cages . .
Old Bondo -- friend from the S.D. Zoo days of PFC -photo in 195--?
Finally died in 19---- at age

And the "new order" in grottos and islands for the big apes --
the orangs - photo in ; and chimps - -
And another pair of young Mt. Gorillas ---
in 19---

Now to the bears / / which always seem so playful --and hungry --and in the best of style --in this cool, cool S.F. environment. These grizzlies remind us that we exterminated our State Animal many decades ago / / /
And the majestic polar bear is headed down the same road to extinction, too- unless airplane bear hunters can be curbed . .

Missy Coyote- from Duck Pond- finds romance-and beer trouble- in grizzly grotto Spr 70

Don't take this "Family Tree" label too seriously, but we wonder what keeps people packed around Monkey Island . . and the monkey cages, all day. These Spider Monkeys are so overfed they usually ignore such handy, tasty items as pigeons standing around . .

Here are some shapely, clean and independent wild pigs --the peccaries from South of the Border. Some people think of the ponderous hippopotamus

"Penny" bot back in 19--- with the pennies of S.F. children, was about years old when this picture was shot. The S.F. Zoo herd now includes elephants.

River Otters are always alluring displays, wherever they are shown. But a new-type otter exhibit with a view window under water would show them off much better . .

Bengal Tigers may terrorize some Asian lands, but these tigers just moved into a newgrotto are taking refuge in the moat . . afraid to look over their new quarters.
The African Lion is really a regal cat, and his courtship is a performance worthy of a prince . .

lets peek behind scenes at feeding time Fall 69

A rather sad S.F. Zoo history is that of the Australian Koalas --who caught cold and languished in spite of costly efforts to please them . . and finally had to be sent down to warmer San Diego. (Last Koalas, 1964)

Dir. Cary Baldwin and his staff were very kind to the infant Oakland Zoo, with many loans of animals. Here Oakland's Doc Young leads a safari to capture some llamas for his Knowland Park corrals .-.

1st gorilla birth - 5-26-70
2nd Photo 7-11-70
Spring 72

Lovely, spacious Golden Gate Park, 1013 ACRES built on the sand dunes, will entertain us on many trips at many seasons . .

Popular Stow Lake was constructed on Strawberry Hill and its waters feed the Chain of Lakes. A "Mountie" protects you-and the Park.

the Japanese Tea Garden offers a taste of the Orient and ravishing displays of floering cherries and other Japanese favorites in spring. .
But these high-arched bridges prove real barriers to some timid tourists!

The museums -xxx the Band Shell --and this amazing elfkn forest of umbrella-trimmed trees . . all date from the great days of the Pacific-Intern Expositon of 1915.
For us, the Calif. Academy of Sciences and the Steinhardt Aquarium are

The Prime objectives of a trip to the Park- Here Diver Phyliss Evrod puts porpoises and thru their paces 1965

The Strybing Arboretum -estab. by John McLaren--dates from 1937. Original acreage 20 - -
Garden Center cost $548,288
The Hall of Flowers --built in 1960 . -- houses offices, display rooms,
The Sunset Gardens added to the corner of the Arboretum in 19- Early 1960's

The John McLaren Rhododendron Dell perpetuates in glorious bloom in April -May . . this grand old man, native of Scotland . . who began to plant G.G. Park in 1887.

~~Here we see skilled gardeners building one of the famous flower greeting plaques~~

The Conservatory --built in 19 . . . . followed the lines of the world-famous structure in Kew Gardens, London.

Here we see skilled gardeners putting together one of the famous greeting plaques on the Conservatory lawn . . and here are a few examples . .

These founts and flowers help to cover a vast underground garage and convention center --called the Mole Palace --in the S.Fran Civic Center

Stanford University --the Farm of Leland Stanford --as seen from the Hoover Memorial Library Tower . . remind us to visit the lovely Penninsula.

Not far away we find the popular Sunset Homes show gardens at Menlo Park . . and we remember how Sunset Magazine and garden books have helped to guide homeowners and to beautify California.

Palo Alto has a "duck pond-too-

And let's go on to Marine World near Redwood City - (opened 1968) visited June 69

In conclusion, let us remember how many leaders and civic-minded organizations have helped to preserve these open spaces around our Bay -- and to develop them for people to enjoy.

Not on Master?

And here is the most eloquent and best known of these park leaders of the Bay Region today . . Wm. Penn Mott Jr. . . addressing the Sierra Club and delegates to the Wilderness Conference . . at the Mt. Theatre on Mt. Tamalpais in April, 1965.